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## A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

NAME OF BROKER DEALER:

Brownstone Investment Group, LLC

ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: (Do not use P.O. Box No.)

633 Third Avenue

(No. and Street)

New York

(City)

New York

(State)

10017

(Zip Code)

NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN REGARD TO THIS REPORT

Douglas Lowey

(212) 661-6265

(Area Code — Telephone No.)

## B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report\*

Eisner LLP

(Name — if individual, state last, first, middle name)

750 Third Avenue

New York

New York

10017

(Address)

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

## CHECK ONE:

- ☒ Certified Public Accountant  
☐ Public Accountant  
☐ Accountant not in residence in United States or any of its possessions.

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\*Claims for exemption from the requirement that the annual report be covered by the opinion of an independent public accountant be supported by a statement of facts and circumstances relied on as the basis for the exemption. See section 240.17a-5(e)(2).

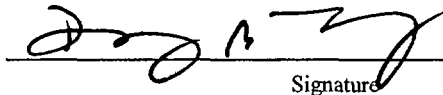
## OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, Douglas Lowey, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of Brownstone Investment Group, LLC, as of December 31, 2003, are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that neither the company nor any partner, proprietor, principal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account classified solely as that of a customer, except as follows:

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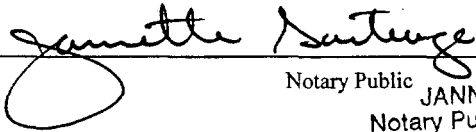
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Signature

President

Title



Notary Public

JANNETTE SANTIAGO  
Notary Public, State of New York  
No. 01SA6056371  
Qualified in New York County  
Commission Expires March 19, 2007

This report\*\* contains (check all applicable boxes):

- ☒ (a) Facing Page.
- ☒ (b) Statement of Financial Condition.
- ☐ (c) Statement of Income (Loss).
- ☐ (d) Statement of Cash Flows.
- ☐ (e) Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity or Partners' or Sole Proprietor's Capital.
- ☐ (f) Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of Creditors.
- ☐ (g) Computation of Net Capital.
- ☐ (h) Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3.
- ☐ (i) Information Relating to the Possession or Control Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3.
- ☐ (j) A Reconciliation, including appropriate explanation, of the Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1 and the Computation for Determination of the Reserve Requirements Under Exhibit A of Rule 15c3-3.
- ☐ (k) A Reconciliation between the audited and unaudited Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods of consolidation.
- ☒ (l) An Oath or Affirmation.
- ☐ (m) A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Report.
- ☐ (n) A report describing any material inadequacies found to exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous audit.

\*\*For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e)(3).

**BROWNSTONE INVESTMENT GROUP, LLC**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2003**

# Eisner

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the members of  
Brownstone Investment Group, LLC

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Brownstone Investment Group, LLC as of December 31, 2003. This financial statement is the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Brownstone Investment Group, LLC as of December 31, 2003, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.



New York, New York  
February 2, 2004

# **BROWNSTONE INVESTMENT GROUP, LLC**

## **Statement of Financial Condition December 31, 2003**

### **ASSETS**

Cash	\$ 1,239,927
Securities owned, at market value	29,788,060
Due from broker	3,381,343
Securities not readily marketable, at estimated fair value	59,100
Dividends and interest receivable	276,855
Other assets	<u>53,609</u>
	<u><b>\$ 34,798,894</b></u>

### **LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY**

#### **Liabilities:**

Securities sold, not yet purchased, at market value	\$ 12,017,043
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	<u>298,049</u>
	12,315,092
Members' equity	<u><b>22,483,802</b></u>
	<u><b>\$ 34,798,894</b></u>

# **BROWNSTONE INVESTMENT GROUP, LLC**

## **Notes to Statement of Financial Condition December 31, 2003**

### **NOTE A - ORGANIZATION**

Brownstone Investment Group, LLC (the "Company") is a limited liability company organized primarily to engage in high-yield debt securities transactions solely for its own account. The Company is registered as a broker-dealer in securities with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), and is a member of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.

### **NOTE B - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

#### **[1] Securities transactions:**

The Company records transactions in securities and the related revenue and expenses on a trade-date basis.

Securities owned and securities sold, not yet purchased, are stated at market value with the resulting unrealized gains and losses reflected in net gain from principal transactions.

Securities which do not have a readily ascertainable market value are valued at their estimated fair value as determined by management.

#### **[2] Income taxes:**

No provision for federal income taxes has been made since, as a limited liability company, the Company is not subject to income taxes. The Company's income or loss is reportable by its members on their individual tax returns.

#### **[3] Furniture, equipment and depreciation:**

Furniture and equipment are recorded at cost. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of the related asset.

#### **[4] Estimates:**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statement. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### **[5] Cash and cash equivalents:**

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Company considers all highly liquid investments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

# BROWNSTONE INVESTMENT GROUP, LLC

## Notes to Statement of Financial Condition December 31, 2003

### NOTE C - SECURITIES OWNED, SECURITIES NOT READILY MARKETABLE AND SECURITIES SOLD, NOT YET PURCHASED

Securities owned and securities sold, not yet purchased, at December 31, 2003 consist of:

	<u>Securities Owned</u>	<u>Securities Sold, not yet Purchased</u>
Corporate bonds	\$ 27,471,935	\$ 12,017,043
Equity securities	<u>2,316,125</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 29,788,060</u>	<u>\$ 12,017,043</u>

The Company has sold securities that it does not currently own and will therefore be obligated to purchase such securities at a future date. The Company has recorded these obligations in the financial statements at December 31, 2003, at market value, and will incur a loss if the market value of the securities increases subsequent to December 31, 2003. The Company monitors its positions continuously to reduce the risk of potential loss due to changes in market value.

### NOTE D - RECEIVABLE FROM CLEARING BROKER AND CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

The clearing and depository operations for the Company's proprietary transactions are provided by two brokers pursuant to clearance agreements.

At December 31, 2003, the due from clearing broker in the statement of financial condition represents the Company's net sales of securities and cash collateral for its short positions. Substantially all securities owned, reflected on the statement of financial condition, are positions held by the clearing broker.

The Company maintains cash in bank accounts, which, at times, may exceed federally insured limits. The Company has not experienced any losses in such accounts and believes it is not exposed to any significant credit risk on cash.

### NOTE E - NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENT

The Company is subject to the SEC's rule 15c3-1 that specifies minimum net capital requirements for registered broker-dealers. The Company computes its net capital under the aggregate indebtedness method permitted by the rule, which requires that the broker-dealer maintain minimum net capital of \$100,000. As of December 31, 2003, the Company had net capital, as defined, of \$17,673,290 which exceeded its requirement by \$17,573,290. The Company's ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital was .02 to 1 at December 31, 2003.

# **BROWNSTONE INVESTMENT GROUP, LLC**

## **Notes to Statement of Financial Condition December 31, 2003**

### **NOTE F - LEASES**

The Company occupies office space under a lease expiring on May 31, 2005. Minimum future annual rental payments at December 31, 2003 are as follows:

2004	\$ 119,070
2005	<u>119,070</u>
	<u>\$ 238,140</u>

### **NOTE G - RETIREMENT PLAN**

The Company has a 401(k) profit-sharing plan covering all eligible employees as defined in the plan. Contributions are made at the discretion of employees. The Company made no contributions to the plan for the year ended December 31, 2003.

### **NOTE H - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Subsequent to December 31, 2003, members withdrew capital of approximately \$8,544,243.